

FOREWORD

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Although the document lists the 2002 Terminal Area Forecasts (TAF) as the source of the 2020 passenger and operations forecasts, the reader should be aware that there are differences between the historical and forecast data in the published TAF and those depicted in the tables of this study. First and foremost, the current study is based on calendar year (CY) data and projections while the TAF is on a fiscal year (FY) basis. The current study has used actual CY 2001 passenger and operations data as its base year for comparisons; the TAF base includes actual FY 2001 operations data but estimates for FY 2001 enplanements. In most cases, the CY 2001 results will be lower than those for FY 2001 due, in large part, to the events of September 11th. Although the individual airport enplanements and operations growth rates for the period CY 2001 to CY 2020 are very similar to those contained in the published TAF, there may be differences due to the factors noted above.

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